Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Resource Management Plan Revision Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

1. Responsible Agency:

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

- **2.** Draft (X) Final ()
- **3. Type of Action:** Administrative (X) Legislative ()
- 4. Abstract: This Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes and analyzes four alternatives for the planning and management of public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Billings Field Office located in south central Montana in Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland, and Yellowstone counties, Montana, and portions of Big Horn County, Montana, and portions of Big Horn County, Wyoming. These alternatives are Alternative A (continuation of current management or the No Action Alternative); Alternatives B and C, and Alternative D (Agency Preferred Alternative). Major RMP issues include managing for desired plant communities; maintaining or improving wildlife and fisheries habitat and controlling invasive species; conservation and recovery of threatened, endangered, proposed and sensitive species; identifying availability of public lands for commercial activities and managing commercial activities while protecting the integrity of other resources; managing recreation activities to meet public demand while protecting natural and cultural resources and providing for visitor safety; resolving conflicts between motorized and non-motorized uses and addressing effects to resources from motorized use; identifying areas requiring special management and providing management direction for those areas; addressing social and economic conditions; protecting the cultural and historic values at Pompeys Pillar National Monument; and managing the recreation and visitor services at Pompeys Pillar National Monument. The Alternatives present a range of management actions to achieve goals and desired future conditions for the Billings Field Office and Pompeys Pillar National Monument.

Comments on the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement will be accepted for 90 days following the date the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability for this Draft RMP and EIS in the *Federal Register*. The close of the comment period will be announced in news releases and on the RMP website at: http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings_field_office/rmp.html

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